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CHARLESTON, IL -- Placements of Eastern Illinois University 1980 graduates in the fields of teaching and business/government/industry were good, according to Jay Knott, Director of Career Planning and Placement.

His annual report shows that 591 students graduated with teacher certification. Of this number, 516 registered for teaching jobs. Accepting educational positions were 347 graduates. The percentage placement of 67 is higher than anytime during the past six years.

Seventy-two percent of non-certified (for teaching) graduates who registered found employment in business/government/industry. Average salary for all business placements was \$14,583, an increase of \$1,152 above 1979. Average salary for inexperienced teachers of 1980 was \$11,542, an increase of \$919.

The 347 graduates of 1980 placed in teaching jobs are in 72 counties in Illinois and in 13 other states. Thirty-nine went to Cook County and 15 to Vermilion. Other double digit counties were Champaign, Coles, Kankakee, Macon, and Will. Texas, with six, was the second ranking state for placements.

The Placement Center also serves past graduates. Since many school systems require experienced persons for certain positions, a more effective service may be rendered if capable and experienced registrants are available for recommendation. During 1980 the

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office had 1,336 persons other than the 1980 bachelor's advance degree graduates registered for teacher placement. Of this number, 273 were assisted in finding new teaching positions.

Knott notes that teaching shortages are prevalent in such fields as mathematics, physical sciences, industrial technology, special education, reading and combinations, especially those coupled with coaching.